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JIM HARTZ: After CIA station chief in Athens Richard Welch was assassinated, U. S. intelligence officials point out that he had been identified as an agent in a magazine called Counter-Spy, a Washington based publication which specializes in exposing American intelligence activities, and suggested that this identification may have led to his murder.

Well, to answer these charges, Counter-Spy's editor Tim Butz is in our Washington News Center this morning with "Today" Washington correspondent Douglas Kiker.

Doug.

DOUGLAS KIKER: Thank you, Jim. Good morning, everybody.

Mr. Butz, here is your winter edition of Counter-Spy. And inside it you list country after country, and you list the names or what you think are the names of the station chiefs, CIA agents there. Doug Porter, who is the co-editor of Counter-Spy, your associate, says that it is conceivable that the Athens News, which published the name of Richard Welch as a CIA agent, could have gotten that name from Counter-Spy. Do you agree?

TIM BUTZ: I think that Mr. Porter was quoted out of context. That was in an Associated Press dispatch that appeared in many newspapers yesterday. With Counter-Spy and its limited circulation -- we circulate about three thousand copies throughout the United States -- we have the element of distribution or redistribution after it goes to a subscriber. We can guarantee in any way, shape or form that a copy of Counter-Spy wasn't seen by the Athens Daily News, because we don't know what some-